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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Examiner: H. Nguyen
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Yoshinori OHSAKI	)	Group Art Unit: 2851
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Application No.: 09/577,978	)	Allowed: March 3, 2004
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Filed: May 25, 2000	)	Confirmation No.: 6455
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For: PROJECTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS,	)	June 3, 2004
AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING	:	
METHOD USING THE SAME	)	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows: